AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently amended) An information processing unit for executing predetermined processing in response to a user input, comprising:

a key input section provided with a plurality of keys[[,]] for inputting data assigned to a pressed key;

a coordinate input section for performing a coordinate input according to a user's finger contact operation; [[and]]

a key-assignment control means for changing a key assignment in the key input section ~~according to the result of detection of a~~ in response to the user's finger contact, ~~obtained~~ operation detected by the coordinate input section[[.]]; and

a designated-area storage means for storing content of a designated area,

wherein the coordinate input section designates the area when a predetermined key is pressed and then released in the key input section.

2.   (Currently amended) [[An]] The information processing unit according to Claim 1,

wherein the key-assignment control means applies the key assignment for usual key input operations to each key of the key input section [[while]] when the coordinate input section does not detect the contact of [[a]] the user's finger, and changes the key

assignment to a specific key of the key input section ~~in response to the fact that~~ when the coordinate input section ~~has detected~~ detects the contact of [[a]] the user's finger.

3.   (Currently amended) [[An]] The information processing unit according to Claim 1,

wherein the key-assignment control means assigns a function for designating an input-coordinate selection operation to a home-position key in the key input section in response to the ~~fact that the coordinate input section has detected the contact of a~~ user's finger contact operation detected by the coordinate input section.

4.   (Currently amended) [[An]] The information processing unit according to Claim 1,

wherein the key-assignment control means assigns a menu selection function or another function to a key in the key input section in response to the ~~fact that the coordinate input section has detected the contact of a~~ user's finger contact operation detected by the coordinate input section.

5.   (Currently amended) [[An]] The information processing unit according to Claim 1,

wherein the coordinate input section determines that [[a]] the user's finger has contacted~~, according to the fact that~~ the coordinate input section based on detection of the user's finger ~~was detected~~ within a past predetermined period.

6.   (Canceled)

7.   (Currently amended) [[An]] The information processing unit according to

Claim [[6]] 1, further comprising:

    a designated-area duplication means for duplicating the content stored by the

designated-area storage means at a designated position, in response to the fact that

wherein the coordinate input section designates the position [[while]] when a

predetermined key is [[being]] pressed and then released in the key input section and

that the predetermined key is then released.

8.   (Currently amended) A control method for an information processing unit

provided with including a key input section and a coordinate input section[[,]] for

performing an operation according to a user input operation, the control method

comprising:

    a step of determining whether [[a]] the user input operation has been performed

for the key input section;

    a step of detecting [[the]] contact of a user's finger on the coordinate input

section;

    a step of performing a process according to [[the]] a position of the contact of the

user's finger on the coordinate input section; [[and]]

    a step of interpreting the user input operation performed for the key input section

according to whether or not the contact of the user's finger on the coordinate input

section has occurred[[.]]; and

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storing content of a designated area,

wherein the coordinate input section designates the area when a predetermined

key is pressed and then released in the key input section.

9.   (Currently amended) [[A]] The control method for the information

processing unit ~~for performing an operation according to a user input operation,~~

according to Claim 8,

wherein[[,]] in the step of interpreting the user input operation performed for the

key input section, a key assignment for usual key input operations is applied to each

key of the key input section [[while]] when the coordinate input section does not detect

the contact of [[a]] the user's finger, and the key assignment is changed to a specific key

of the key input section ~~is changed~~ in response to the ~~fact that the coordinate input~~

~~section has~~ ~~detected the~~ contact of [[a]] the user's finger detected by the coordinate

input section.

10.   (Currently amended) [[A]] The control method for the information

processing unit ~~for performing an operation according to a user input operation,~~

according to Claim 8,

wherein[[,]] in the step of interpreting the user input operation performed for the

key input section, a function for designating an input-coordinate selection operation is

assigned to a home-position key in the key input section in response to the ~~fact that the~~

~~coordinate input section has detected the~~ contact of [[a]] the user's finger detected by

the coordinate input section.

11.   (Currently amended) [[A]] The control method for the information

processing unit ~~for performing an operation according to a user input operation,~~

according to Claim 8,

wherein[[,]] in the step of interpreting the user input operation performed for the

key input section, a menu selection function or another function is assigned to a key in

the key input section in response to the ~~fact that the coordinate input section has~~

~~detected~~ the contact of [[a]] the user's finger detected by the coordinate input section.

12.   (Currently amended) [[A]] The control method ~~for the information~~

~~processing unit for performing an operation according to a user input operation,~~

according to Claim 8,

wherein[[,]] in the step of detecting the contact of [[a]] the user's finger on the

coordinate input section, ~~it is determined that a~~ the contact of the user's finger ~~has~~

~~contacted, according to the fact that~~ is determined based on detection of the user's

finger ~~was detected~~ within a past predetermined period.

13.   (Canceled)

14.   (Currently amended) [[A]] The control method for the information

processing unit ~~for performing an operation according to a user input operation,~~

according to Claim [[13]] 8, the control method further comprising:

~~a designated-area duplication step of~~ duplicating the content stored in the <u>step of</u>

<u>storing content of the</u> designated-area ~~storage step~~ at a designated position, ~~in response to the fact that~~

<u>wherein</u> the coordinate input section designates the position [[while]] <u>when</u> a

predetermined key is [[being]] pressed <u>and then released</u> in the key input section ~~and~~

~~that the predetermined key is then released~~.

15. (Currently amended) A computer <u>readable medium having a</u> program

~~having described, in a computer-readable format, an operation performed~~ <u>for causing a</u>

<u>computer to perform a control method in response</u> to a user input operation~~, of a~~

~~computer system provided with~~ <u>on</u> a key input section and a coordinate input section,

the ~~computer program~~ <u>method</u> comprising:

~~a step of~~ determining whether [[a]] <u>the</u> user <u>input</u> operation has been performed

for the key input section;

~~a step of~~ detecting [[the]] contact of a user's finger on the coordinate input

section;

~~a step of~~ performing a process according to [[the]] <u>a</u> position of the contact of the

user's finger on the coordinate input section; [[and]]

~~a step of~~ interpreting the user <u>input</u> operation performed for the key input section

according to whether or not the contact of the user's finger on the coordinate input

section has occurred[[.]]<u>; and</u>

<u>storing content of a designated area;</u>

wherein the coordinate input section designates the area when a predetermined

key is pressed and then released in the key input section.

16.   (Currently amended) An information processing method for executing

predetermined processing in response to a user input, comprising the steps of:

receiving key input information according to a user's key input operation on a key

input means;

receiving coordinate input information according to a user's finger contact

operation on a coordinate input means;

recognizing the user input based on the received key input and the coordinate

input information, wherein [[the]] key assignment of the key input information [[being]] is

changed when the received coordinate input information is in a predefined state; [[and]]

executing the processing in response to the recognized user input[[.]]; and

storing content of a designated area,

wherein a coordinate input section designates the area when a predetermined

key is pressed and then released in the key input section.